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A Summer Song

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In August 1964, the British singing duo Chad and Jeremy released "A Summer Song." It peaked at number seven on the Billboard charts on October 13th, and stayed there for two weeks. It would turn out to be the top charting recording of their career.

The song is about the end of summer, and the sadness that comes with saying goodbye to a summer love.

I think of this song as September comes around. It's sad for me to say goodbye to my summer love, the cabin. On Labor Day weekend, the swim raft goes back on the shore for the next nine months. We say goodbye to our regular afternoon swims, and the paddle boards get put away, along with some of the deck furniture. Once the hummingbirds have migrated south, we are resigned that fall is imminent. Then it is time to clean out the garden and the flowerbeds, and start putting the rest of our cabin to bed for the winter.

I have so much gratitude for all the blessings that are part of enjoying a summer in Barnes, but there is no way around it, it is still sad for me to say goodbye to my summer love.

From the song...

*They say that
All good things must end someday.
Autumn leaves must fall.
But don't you know that it hurts me so to say goodbye to you.
I wish you didn't have to go,
No no no no.
And when the rain,
Beats against my window pane,
I'll think of summer days again,
And dream of you,
And dream of you...*

If you would like to see Chad and Jeremy perform "A Summer Song" on American Bandstand from November 28 1964, use this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfvL2oLeBYs>